

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FTX TRADING LTD., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)

(Jointly Administered)

Obj. Deadline: Jan. 30, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

**SUMMARY OF MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF KROLL
RESTRUCTURING ADMINISTRATION LLC, ADMINISTRATIVE
ADVISOR TO THE DEBTORS, FOR COMPENSATION FOR
SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE
PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Name of Applicant:

Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC
("Kroll")

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:

Debtors and Debtors in Possession

Date of Retention:

January 20, 2023, *nunc pro tunc* to
November 11, 2022

Period for which compensation and
reimbursement is sought:

December 1, 2023 through December 31,
2023 (the "**Fee Period**")

Amount of compensation sought as
actual, reasonable and necessary:

\$7,478.00 (of which Kroll seeks payment of
80% or \$5,982.40)

Amount of expense reimbursement sought
as actual, reasonable and necessary:

\$0.00

Total amount to be paid at this time:

\$5,982.40

This is a: X monthly final application.

¹ The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification number are 3288 and 4063 respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX>.

The total time expended for the preparation of Kroll's monthly fee application is approximately 3 hours. The corresponding compensation is not included herein but will be requested in a future application.

Prior Monthly Applications

Date Filed; ECF No.	Period Covered	Requested		Paid or To Be Paid		Holdback
		Fees	Expenses	Fees	Expenses	
12/20/23; ECF No. 4929	12/1/22 – 11/30/23	\$8,980.40 (payment of 80% or \$7,184.32)	\$0.00	\$7,184.32 (80% of \$8,980.40)	\$0.00	\$1,796.08

Summary of Hours Billed by Kroll Employees During the Fee Period

Kroll Employee	Position of the Applicant	Total Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Fees Requested
Brunswick, Gabriel	Director	1.30	\$245.00	\$318.50
Daloia, James	Director	3.90	\$245.00	\$955.50
Echevarria, Eusebio	Director	3.50	\$245.00	\$857.50
Karotkin, Josh L	Director	1.40	\$245.00	\$343.00
Searles, Jordan D	Director	0.90	\$245.00	\$220.50
Johnson, Craig	Director of Solicitation	13.90	\$245.00	\$3,405.50
Orchowski, Alex T	Director of Solicitation	10.20	\$245.00	\$2,499.00
Brown, Mark M	Solicitation Consultant	3.40	\$220.00	\$748.00
	Total:	38.50		\$9,347.50²
	Blended Rate		\$242.79	

Summary of Fees Billed by Subject Matter During the Fee Period

Matter Description	Total Hours	Total Fees Requested
Call Center / Credit Inquiry	0.50	\$122.50
Retention / Fee Application	1.30	\$318.50
Solicitation	36.70	\$8,906.50
	38.50	\$9,347.50³

Summary of Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period

Description	Total Expenses Requested
N/A	\$0.00
Total:	\$0.00

^{2, 3} This amount has been discounted to \$7,478.00 in accordance with the terms of Kroll's retention. Taking into account this discount, the blended hourly rate is \$194.23.

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Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (“**Kroll**”), administrative advisor to FTX Trading Ltd. and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”), files this combined monthly fee application (this “**Application**”), pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (as may be amended, modified, or supplemented, the “**Local Bankruptcy Rules**”) and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Docket No. 435] (the “**Interim Compensation Order**”), for payment of compensation for professional services rendered to the Debtors and for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with such services for the combined period from December 1, 2022 through December

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31, 2023 (the “**Fee Period**”).² In support of this Application, Kroll respectfully represents as follows:

Preliminary Statement

1. Pursuant to this Application, Kroll seeks allowance and approval of aggregate fees in the amount of \$7,478.00 (of which Kroll seeks payment of 80% or \$5,982.40) and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

2. On January 20, 2023, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “**Court**”) entered the *Order Authorizing Employment and Retention of Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC as Administrative Advisor Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* [Docket No. 544], which authorized the Debtors to retain Kroll as administrative advisor in these chapter 11 cases effective as of the Petition Date (as defined below). In addition, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, the Court authorized Kroll to file this Application for monthly compensation and authorized the Debtors to compensate Kroll in accordance with the procedures set forth therein, in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules and such other procedures as may be fixed by order of the Court.

3. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, upon the expiration of the Objection Deadline (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order), the Debtors are authorized and directed to pay Kroll an amount equal to the lesser of: (a) 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in this Application; or (b) 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in this Application that are not subject to an Objection (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order).

² Kroll did not incur any fees or expenses in its capacity as administrative advisor between January and August 2023.

Jurisdiction

4. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated as of February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

5. Venue in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

6. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016 and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2.

Background

7. On November 11 and November 14, 2022 (as applicable, the “**Petition Date**”), the Debtors filed with the Court voluntary petitions for relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Joint administration of the Debtors’ cases was authorized by the Court by entry of an order on November 22, 2022 [Docket No. 128]. On December 15, 2022, the U.S Trustee appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 231].

Relief Requested

8. By this Application, Kroll requests (a) allowance and approval of aggregate fees in the amount of \$7,478.00 (of which Kroll seeks payment of 80% or \$5,982.40) on account of reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtors by Kroll, and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

Compliance with the Interim Compensation Order

9. Kroll has prepared this Application in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Interim Compensation Order. During the Fee Period, Kroll professionals billed a total of 38.50

hours for which compensation is requested. Kroll's hourly rates are set at a level designed to fairly compensate Kroll for the work of its professionals and to cover routine overhead expenses. Hourly rates vary with the experience and seniority of the individuals assigned. These hourly rates are subject to periodic adjustments to reflect economic and other conditions and are consistent with the rates charged elsewhere.

10. Further, **Exhibit A** hereto: (a) identifies each individual that rendered services by subject matter; (b) describes each activity or service that such individual performed; (c) states the number of hours (in increments of tenths of an hour) spent by such individual providing the services; and (d) as applicable, lists the amount and type of expenses incurred.

Summary of Professional Services Rendered

11. The professional services that Kroll rendered during the Fee Period are grouped by subject matter and summarized as follows:

- **Call Center / Credit Inquiry**

Fees: \$122.50; Hours: 0.50

Call Center / Credit Inquiry services provided included coordinating with the Debtors' other case professionals regarding draft responses to frequently asked questions.

- **Retention / Fee Application**

Fees: \$318.50; Hours: 1.30

Retention / Fee Application services provided included drafting, reviewing, and revising Kroll's combined monthly fee application filed at Docket No. 4929.

- Solicitation

Fees: \$8,906.50; Hours: 36.70

Solicitation services provided included: (a) conferring and coordinating among the Kroll case team and Debtors' counsel regarding solicitation of the Debtors' plan, including solicitation procedures, voting, balloting, and related mechanics; (b) responding to inquiries from Debtors' counsel and other case professionals regarding solicitation of the Debtors' plan; (c) updating the case website to provide for electronic balloting; and (d) reviewing, analyzing and revising draft solicitation materials in anticipating of solicitation, including draft ballots and voting procedures.

Summary of Expenses Incurred

12. Kroll is not currently aware of any actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Fee Period in rendering the services described herein.

Representations and Reservation of Rights

13. The undersigned has reviewed the requirements of Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2 and hereby attests that this Application conforms to such requirements.

14. Although every effort has been made to include all fees and expenses incurred in the Fee Period, some fees and expenses might not be included in this Application due to delays caused by accounting and processing during the Fee Period. Kroll reserves the right to make further application to this Court for allowance of such fees and expenses not included herein. Subsequent fee applications will be filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, and the Interim Compensation Order.

Notice

15. Kroll has provided notice of this Application to all parties required to receive such notice under the Interim Compensation Order. In light of the nature of the relief requested herein, Kroll respectfully submits that no further notice is necessary.

Conclusion

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, Kroll requests: (a) allowance and approval of aggregate fees in the amount of \$7,478.00 (of which Kroll seeks payment of 80% or \$5,982.40) on account of reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtors by Kroll, and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

Dated: January 16, 2024
New York, New York

/s/ Shira D. Weiner
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Administrative Advisor to the Debtors

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I, Shira D. Weiner, after being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

1. I am the General Counsel to Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (“**Kroll**”).
2. I am generally familiar with the work performed on behalf of the Debtors by Kroll professionals.
3. The facts set forth in the foregoing Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.
4. I have reviewed the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the foregoing Application complies with such Local Rule.



Shira D. Weiner

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 16th day of January, 2024.

/s/ GABRIEL BRUNSWICK

Notary Public, State of New York

No. 02BR6323242

Qualified in Kings County

Certificate Filed in New York County

Commission Expires Apr. 20, 2027

Exhibit A

Fee Detail



Hourly Fees by Employee through December 2023

<u>Initial</u>	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
MMB	Brown, Mark M	SA - Solicitation Consultant	3.40	\$220.00	\$748.00
GB	Brunswick, Gabriel	DI - Director	1.30	\$245.00	\$318.50
JD	Daloia, James	DI - Director	3.90	\$245.00	\$955.50
EEC	Echevarria, Eusebio	DI - Director	3.50	\$245.00	\$857.50
JLK	Karotkin, Josh L	DI - Director	1.40	\$245.00	\$343.00
JDS	Searles, Jordan D	DI - Director	0.90	\$245.00	\$220.50
CJ	Johnson, Craig	DS - Director of Solicitation	13.90	\$245.00	\$3,405.50
ATO	Orchowski, Alex T	DS - Director of Solicitation	10.20	\$245.00	\$2,499.00
TOTAL:			38.50		\$9,347.50

Hourly Fees by Task Code through December 2023

<u>Task Code</u>	<u>Task Code Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Total</u>
INQR	Call Center / Creditor Inquiry	0.50	\$122.50
RETN	Retention / Fee Application	1.30	\$318.50
SOLI	Solicitation	36.70	\$8,906.50
TOTAL:		38.50	\$9,347.50

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Time Detail

<u>Date</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Hours</u>
12/01/23	ATO	DS	Respond to inquiries from A. Mohammed (Alvarez & Marsal) regarding the online ballot portal	Solicitation	0.40
12/01/23	EEC	DI	Setup of electronic ballot platform on case website	Solicitation	1.00
12/01/23	JD	DI	Review draft solicitation materials	Solicitation	1.40
12/04/23	ATO	DS	Respond to inquiries from A. Mohammed (Alvarez & Marsal) related to the online ballot portal	Solicitation	0.70
12/04/23	EEC	DI	Setup of electronic ballot platform on case website	Solicitation	0.50
12/05/23	EEC	DI	Setup of electronic ballot platform on case website	Solicitation	0.50
12/06/23	ATO	DS	Confer with S. Perry, J. Daloia, J. Karotkin, C. Liu, J. Hughes, C. Johnson, and H. Balogun (Kroll) re proposed ballots	Solicitation	1.10
12/06/23	ATO	DS	Review and analyze the draft ballots in preparation for solicitation	Solicitation	1.50
12/06/23	CJ	DS	Confer with S. Perry, J. Daloia, J. Karotkin, C. Liu, J. Hughes, A. Orchowski, and H. Balogun (Kroll) re proposed ballots	Solicitation	0.90
12/06/23	CJ	DS	Review the draft ballots	Solicitation	0.80
12/06/23	EEC	DI	Setup of electronic ballot platform on case website	Solicitation	0.50
12/06/23	JD	DI	Internal meeting with C. Johnson and A. Orchowski (Kroll) to review solicitation materials	Solicitation	1.50
12/06/23	JLK	DI	Confer with S. Perry, J. Daloia, J. Karotkin, C. Liu, J. Hughes, A. Orchowski, and H. Balogun (Kroll) re proposed ballots	Solicitation	0.90
12/07/23	ATO	DS	Confer with J. Sielinski (Alvarez & Marsal) regarding the weekly solicitation check in call	Solicitation	0.20
12/07/23	EEC	DI	Setup of electronic ballot platform on case website	Solicitation	0.50
12/08/23	ATO	DS	Telephone conference with J. Hughes, J. Karotkin, H. Balogun, C. Johnson, J. Daloia, S. Perry, and J. Searles (Kroll); J. Sielinski, A. Mohammed, K. Ramanathan, R. Esposito, R. Johnson, and D. Lewandowski (A&M); and S. O'Conner (FTX) re procedures to implement in upcoming solicitation	Solicitation	0.50
12/08/23	CJ	DS	Telephone conference with A. Kroll (Kroll), S. Patel (Kroll Issuer Serves.) and L. Tauro, F. Young and A. Suarez (WGM) re proposed procedures to solicit holders of European notes	Solicitation	0.40
12/08/23	EEC	DI	Setup of electronic ballot platform on case website	Solicitation	0.50
12/08/23	JDS	DI	Telephone conference with J. Hughes, J. Karotkin, H. Balogun, A. Orchowski, J. Daloia, S. Perry and C. Johnson (Kroll), J. Sielinski, A. Mohammed, K. Ramanathan, R. Esposito, R. Johnson and D. Lewandowski (A&M) and S.	Solicitation	0.50

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			O'Conner (FTX) re procedures to implement in upcoming solicitation		
12/08/23	JLK	DI	Telephone conference with D. Lewandowski and R. Esposito (A&M) re solicitation procedures	Solicitation	0.50
12/11/23	CJ	DS	Review and revise draft solicitation and tabulation procedures	Solicitation	0.90
12/12/23	ATO	DS	Confer with C. Johnson (Kroll) re revisions to draft solicitation materials	Solicitation	0.30
12/12/23	ATO	DS	Respond to inquiries from A. Kranzley (Sullivan Cromwell) related to solicitation	Solicitation	0.90
12/12/23	ATO	DS	Respond to inquiries from J. Sielinski (Alvarez & Marsal) related to solicitation	Solicitation	1.30
12/12/23	CJ	DS	Review and revise draft solicitation procedures	Solicitation	1.10
12/12/23	CJ	DS	Research and map voting and election options for upcoming solicitation as preparation to comment on draft solicitation procedures and ballots	Solicitation	2.30
12/12/23	MMB	SA	Quality assurance review of draft solicitation documents	Solicitation	0.80
12/13/23	CJ	DS	Review and revise draft solicitation procedures	Solicitation	0.70
12/13/23	CJ	DS	Review and revise draft ballots	Solicitation	0.60
12/14/23	ATO	DS	Confer with D. Lewandowski and J. Sielinski (Alvarez & Marsal) regarding solicitation	Solicitation	0.30
12/14/23	ATO	DS	Respond to inquiries from D. Longan (Metalab) related to solicitation	Solicitation	0.10
12/14/23	CJ	DS	Review and revise draft ballots	Solicitation	0.90
12/14/23	CJ	DS	Review revised solicitation procedures and ballots	Solicitation	1.80
12/14/23	CJ	DS	Review, research and respond to solicitation questions raised by A. Kranzley (S&C)	Solicitation	0.90
12/14/23	MMB	SA	Quality assurance review of draft solicitation documents	Solicitation	2.60
12/15/23	ATO	DS	Respond to inquiries from D. Lewandowski (Alvarez & Marsal) related to solicitation inquiries and a template for frequently asked questions	Call Center / Creditor Inquiry	0.50
12/15/23	ATO	DS	Confer with J. Hughes, J. Karotkin, H. Balogun, C. Johnson, J. Daloia and S. Perry (Kroll), J. Sielinski, A. Mohammed, R. Johnson and D. Lewandowski (A&M) and S. O'Conner (FTX) re procedures to implement in upcoming solicitation	Solicitation	0.50
12/15/23	ATO	DS	Confer with J. Daloia and C. Johnson (Kroll) regarding solicitation and the online ballot portal	Solicitation	0.30
12/15/23	CJ	DS	Review revised draft solicitation and tabulation procedures	Solicitation	1.60
12/15/23	CJ	DS	Telephone conference with J. Hughes, J. Karotkin, H. Balogun, A. Orchowski, J. Daloia and S. Perry (Kroll), J. Sielinski, A. Mohammed, R. Johnson and D. Lewandowski (A&M) and S. O'Conner (FTX) re procedures to implement in upcoming solicitation	Solicitation	0.50
12/18/23	GB	DI	Draft combined monthly fee application	Retention / Fee Application	1.30
12/19/23	CJ	DS	Correspond with A. Kranzley (S&C) re solicitation materials	Solicitation	0.10

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12/20/23	JD	DI	Review issues related to upcoming solicitation	Solicitation	0.50
12/21/23	ATO	DS	Telephone conference with D. Lewandowski, J. Sielinski, A. Mohammed and R. Johnson (A&M); D. Longan (Meta); and J. Daloia, J. Hughes, R. Lim, J. Searles, J. Karotkin, S. Perry and C. Johnson (Kroll) re proposed solicitation procedures	Solicitation	0.40
12/21/23	ATO	DS	Confer with J. Daloia, J. Hughes, R. Lim and C. Johnson (Kroll) re proposed solicitation procedures	Solicitation	0.30
12/21/23	ATO	DS	Confer with C. Johnson (Kroll) re proposed solicitation mechanics	Solicitation	0.40
12/21/23	CJ	DS	Confer with A. Orchowski (Kroll) re proposed solicitation mechanics	Solicitation	0.40
12/21/23	JD	DI	Conference call with A&M (D. Lewandowski) regarding upcoming solicitation	Solicitation	0.50
12/21/23	JDS	DI	Telephone conference with D. Lewandowski, J. Sielinski, A. Mohammed and R. Johnson (A&M); D. Longan (Meta); and J. Daloia, J. Hughes, R. Lim, C. Johnson, J. Karotkin, S. Perry and A. Orchowski (Kroll) re proposed solicitation procedures	Solicitation	0.40
12/22/23	ATO	DS	Confer with A. Jaffar and J. Hughes (Kroll) regarding packages returned as undeliverable in connection with solicitation	Solicitation	0.50
Total Hours					38.50